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PASS CU ROBERT O. JONES AND NEA/PAB DOUGLAS ARCHARD

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SUBJ: VISIT OF MUHAMMAD ALI

1. AS DEPARTMENT MAY BE AWARE, BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT HAS INVITED MUHAMMAD ALI TO VISIT AND ALI AGREED TO ARRIVE FEBRUARY 18 FOR FIVE DAY TOUR. ELABORATE PROGRAM HAS BEEN ARRANGED INCLUDING STATE DINNER BY PRESIDENT ZIAUR RAHMAN, MEETINGS WITH CHILDREN, "HONORARY CITIZENSHIP", VISITS TO COX'S BAZAR, CHITTAGONG AND SYLHET.

2. GOVERNMENT HAS JUST LEARNED, AS HAVE WE ALL, THAT ALI IS NOW FORMER CHAMPION AND IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT HE MAY CANCEL TRIP.

3. GOVERNMENT AT CABINET LEVEL HAS APPEALED TO EMBASSY TO PASS MESSAGE TO ALI THAT IT WISHES HIM TO STAY WITH SCHEDULE. PROGRAM OF PRESIDENT (HE IS NOW IN AUSTRALIA) HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO WELCOME ALI.

4. IF POSSIBLE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH ALI ENTOURAGE IN LAS VEGAS AND DETERMINE WHETHER HE WILL ARRIVE ON SATURDAY.

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